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Testimony in Support of HB 4005 Safe Storage

As a law enforcement leader with more than 25 years of experience, I understand firsthand the devastating impact of gun violence and how often that violence could be prevented through common sense measures. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office advocates for a comprehensive approach to gun violence reduction centered on harm-reduction modeling:

- **Prevention (suicide, accident)**
- **Dispossession (domestic violence, extreme risk protection orders)**
- **Interdiction (background check failures, firearm investigations)**

There is no single solution to the problem of gun violence, but there are steps we can take to make a positive difference. The safe storage bill, HB 4005, is one such step. Safe storage laws promote responsible gun-owning practices and are proven to help reduce preventable tragedies like suicide, school shootings, and accidental discharges.

Firearms are the leading method for suicide. Safe storage works to create some distance between a person in crisis and a firearm. That's one reason the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office provides free locking devices to gun owners. Volunteer measures alone won't prevent every tragedy, but I believe secure firearm storage is an important way to help reduce harm and keep our communities safer.

HB 4005 strikes a good balance between protecting responsible gun owner's rights and protecting community. I urge your support.

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